Yr 9 Music Assignment

Subject – Music

Popular Music (with Values) which affect your life

Timing – 4 Week project – 2nd week of February

***Guiding Questions***

* What music do I listen to?
* How does music influence me and my peer group?
* What values do popular music promote?
* How are values communicated through music
* What other kinds of music express ideas similar to mine?

Assignment – Written Project and CD called “My Mix”

Below is an exemplar of the song ‘The Climb by Miley Cyrus’ I have written example answers to the questions but remember, you will be doing 3 contrasting songs. This exemplar is only ONE song. All answers are highlighted.

Step 1 Select three *contrasting pieces of music* that you regularly listen to.

Piece 1 – The Climb

Step 2 To what musical styles/genres do these belong to?

The piece ‘The Climb’ belongs to the musical genre of Pop Music

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Step 3 What are the characteristics of these musical styles? E.g. name the musical elements (rhythm, lyrics, melody, instrumentation etc)

Characteristics of Pop Music

* Simple and memorable melody in a major key
* Simple time/beat usually 2,3, 0r 4 beats per bar
* Simple basic harmony
* Verse Chorus structure
* Usually has keyboard, drumkit, guitar and vocals

Step 4 How does each piece you have selected show these genres/styles

* The Climb has a simple attractive melody which fits well with the simple rhythm.
* It is in 4 time (4 beats per bar)
* The use of dynamics (e.g. soft verse and loud chorus) adds to create drama and effect – the words become more dramatic and louder in the Chorus
* The harmonies are very simple. Basic chord

Step 5 Identify the personal values each piece identifies. Eg honesty, striving for the best – Note: Love songs are about the emotion LOVE and is therefore not a value

This song sings about sticking to something, never giving up. These words can be summed up in the words ‘persistent and perseverance’

Step 6 Why do you think these values are important to you?

The value/s of persistence or perseverance are important to me because they describe the up hill battle I have had to get to where I am currently in my life. I have fought to get the awards I deserve.

Step 7 Create a CD with your 3 most favourite pieces and include your written project (or send your files in thumb drive).

Please hand this assignment in on

(Write the date and period this assignment is due)

**Thursday 9 February in Music Class**

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